

RESOLUTION NO. SCV- 401

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO KENNEDY JENKS CONSULTANTS
FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN PIPELINE (PHASES 1–3)
INSPECTION ACCESS MODIFICATIONS PROJECT; AND FINDING THE PROJECT
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15301 AND 15303**

WHEREAS, the Agency determined that Magic Mountain Pipeline (Phases 1–3) is an important component of Agency’s water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Magic Mountain Pipeline (Phases 1–3) Inspection Access Modifications Project are a component of the Agency’s pipeline inspection program; and

WHEREAS, the Project is found to be exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, which states a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CE) applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and

WHEREAS, the Project is also found to be exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, which states a Class 3 CE applies to construction and locations of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse and both Los Angeles County and Ventura County within five (5) days of the execution of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Agency's best interest that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors, authorize its General Manager or Chief Engineer to authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 to Kennedy Jenks Consultants Inc for final design services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors does hereby find and determine as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors finds that the administrative record has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA guidelines, and that the finding of exemption from CEQA reflects the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors independent judgment. Specifically, the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s Board of Directors determines that the Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1) because the addition of accessways is a minor alteration to the existing pipelines and therefore falls within the scope of the Class 1 exemption, which applies to the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment. The Project will also involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. In addition, and alternatively, the Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303

(Class 3) because the addition of accessways is small and limited in number. None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

SECTION 2. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with the Project and the NOE that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based are located at the offices of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Custodian of Record is the Board Secretary April Jacobs.

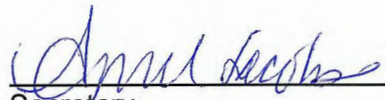
RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Board of Directors does authorize its General Manager or Chief Engineer to authorize a purchase order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants Inc for final design services for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the Magic Mountain Pipeline (Phases 1-3) Inspection Access Modifications Project.



President

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and that at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on January 16, 2024 the foregoing Resolution No. SCV-401 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: January 16, 2024



Secretary

